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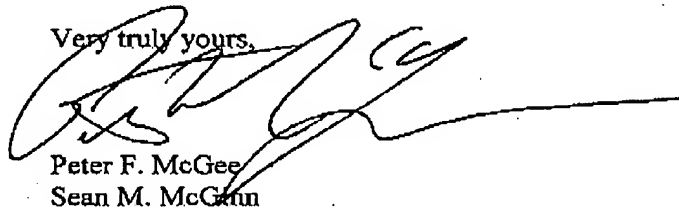
Re: Response Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/773,573  
Our Ref: NGB.357

Dear Examiner Kennedy:

Enclosed is a Response Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which we request that you enter and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Peter F. McGee  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** are provided in a section beginning on page 6 of this paper.